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We affirr	n that:										
1. We l	nave comp	lied	with the Bulle	etin for the A	udits of Local l	Units of Go	vernment in Mic	chigan as revis	ed.		
2. We a	are certified	d pul	olic accounta	ants registere	ed to practice ir	n Michigan.					
	er affirm th ts and reco		_	" responses	have been disc	closed in th	e financial state	ements, includi	ng the note:	s, or ir	the report of
You must	check the	арр	licable box fo	or each item	below.						
Yes	√ No	1.	Certain con	nponent unit	s/funds/agencie	es of the lo	cal unit are excl	uded from the	financial st	ateme	ents.
Yes	Yes No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).					d earnings (P.A.					
Yes	Yes Volume No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).										
Yes	Yes Vo 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.					nance Act or its					
Yes	✓ No	5.					do not comply s amended [MC		requireme	nts. (F	P.A. 20 of 1943
Yes	✓ No	6.	The local u	nit has been	delinquent in d	distributing	tax revenues that	at were collect	ed for anoth	er tax	king unit.
Yes	The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earner Yes No 7. pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).					the overfunding					
Yes	Yes Volume No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 199 (MCL 129.241).					.A. 266 of 1995					
Yes	✓ No	9.	The local u	nit has not a	dopted an inve	stment poli	cy as required b	y P.A. 196 of	1997 (MCL	129.9	5).
We have enclosed the following: Enclosed					Enclosed	To Be Forward		Not Required			
The lette	er of comm	ents	and recomn	nendations.				✓			
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).								✓			
Single A	udit Repor	ts (A	SLGU).								✓
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Financial Report
With Supplemental Information
Prepared in Accordance With GASB 34

June 30, 2005

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities, Enterprise Funds of the City of Hillsdale, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Enterprise Funds and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the City of Hillsdale, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows of its proprietary fund types in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated August 27, 2005, on our consideration of the Board's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) as required supplementary information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be, part of the financial statements. The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities has elected not to prepare such analysis, but encourages users of these financial statements to read the MD&A contained in the annual financial report of the City of Hillsdale for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The current year supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

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August 27, 2005



Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

<u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information of management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Willis & Jurasek, A.C.

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

August 27, 2005

Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2005

	<u>E</u>	lectric	Water	Sewer	Total Business Type Activities
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,606,645 \$	-	\$ 188,868	3 \$ 1,795,513
Receivables:					
Customer accounts, net of allowance					
for doubtful accounts of \$120,000		1,058,723	75,920	78,919	9 1,213,562
Interest		11,683	3,001	4,346	5 19,030
Due from other funds of BPU		-	-	976,356	976,356
Due from other funds of City		5,498	-		- 5,498
Inventories		642,136	85,051	4,444	4 731,631
Prepaid expenses		79,607	17,627	30,603	3 127,837
Total current assets		3,404,292	181,599	1,283,536	6 4,869,427
Restricted and designated assets:					
Designated investments		2,083,438	231,379	275,127	7 2,589,944
Restricted investments			619,884	581,43	1,201,315
Total restricted and designated assets		2,083,438	851,263	856,558	8 3,791,259
Capital assets:					
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	2	8,215,586	9,871,661	13,224,790	0 51,312,037
Less: accumulated depreciation		6,337,476	3,947,781	8,742,58	
Total capital assets (net)	1	<u> 1,878,110</u>	5.923,880	4,482,209	9 22,284,199
Other assets:					
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.		<u>3,882,013</u>		_	- 3,882,013
Total assets	2	1,247,853	6,956,742	6,622,30	34,826,898

						Total Business
		<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>		<u>Sewer</u>	Type Activities
Liabilities:						
Current liabilities payable from current assets:						
Accounts payable	\$	33,659 \$	9,658	\$	7,954	\$ 51,271
Accrued purchased power		887,342	-		-	887,342
Due to other funds of BPU		-	976,356		-	976,356
Due to City		22,890	2,716		2,831	28,437
Customer deposits		11,341	989		-	12,330
Accrued liabilities:						
Payroll taxes		5,766	-		-	5,766
Other		15,849			<u> </u>	15,849
Total current liabilities						
payable from current assets		976,847	989,719		10,785	1,977,351
Current liabilities payable from restricted asset	te.					
Bonds payable	ιο.	_	245,000		140,000	385,000
Accrued interest		_	37,592		6,800	44,392
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Total current liabilities						
payable from restricted assets		-	282,592		146,800	429,392
Compensated absences payable		77,298	29,593		33,032	139,923
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:						
Bonds payable			3,335,000		1,080,000	4,415,000
Total liabilities		1 054 145	4 626 004		1 070 617	6.064.666
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Net Assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		11,878,110	2,343,880		3,262,209	17,484,199
Restricted for debt service		-	619,884		581,431	1,201,315
Unrestricted (deficit)		8,315,598	(643,926)		1,508,046	9,179,718
Total net assets	<u>\$</u>	20,193,708 \$	2,319,838	<u>\$</u>	5,351,686	\$ 27,865,232

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

		<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>		<u>Sewer</u>		al Business pe Activities
Operating Revenue:							
Sales to customers:							
Residential	\$	3,075,167 \$	452,157	\$	444,885	\$	3,972,209
Business		971,265	115,197		112,201		1,198,663
Commercial		2,430,498	205,617		213,987		2,850,102
Industrial		3,375,137	117,980		141,467		3,634,584
Apartments		-	211,968		211,163		423,131
Street light sales		34,501	-		-		34,501
Other operating income		36,450	6,664	_	28,397		71,511
Total operating revenue		9,923,018	1,109,583		1,152,100		12,184,701
Operating Expenses:							
Purchased power		6,329,230	-		-		6,329,230
Production expense		940,208	44,536		-		984,744
Transmission and distribution		979,198	-		-		979,198
Collection system expense		-	-		172,182		172,182
Treatment expense		-	-		612,074		612,074
Purification expense		-	206,046		-		206,046
Distribution expense		-	314,451		=		314,451
Administrative and general		843,752	236,543		250,552		1,330,847
Total operating expenses		9,092,388	801,576		1,034,808		10,928,772
Operating Income		830,630	308,007		117,292		1,255,929
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):							
Interest income		76,921	21,802		46,562		145,285
Interest expense		-	(153,857)	}	(27,199)	1	(181,056)
Other non-operating income (expense)		50,807	3,233		(69,920)		(15,880)
Total non-operating revenue (expense)		127,728	(128,822)	·	(50,557)		(51,651)
Changes in Net Assets		958,358	179,185		66,735		1,204,278
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		19,235,350	2,140,653		5,284,951		26,660,954
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	20,193,708 \$	2,319,838	<u>\$</u>	5,351,686	<u>\$</u>	27,865,232

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
	Electric	Water	Sewer	Total		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities						
Cash received from customers, residents and users	\$ 9,898,300	\$ 1,096,653	\$ 1,128,890	\$ 12,123,843		
Other operating receipts	36,450	6,664	28,397	71,511		
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(9,088,724)	(643,989)	(712,895)	(10,445,608)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	846,026	459,328	444,392	1,749,746		
Cash Flows from Capital and Related						
Financing Activities						
Bond payments on capital debt	-	(235,000)	(140,000)	(375,000)		
Interest payments on capital debt	-	(153,857)	(27,199)	(181,056)		
Purchase of capital assets, net	(399,171)	(68,903)	(226,182)	(694,256)		
Net cash used by capital and related						
financing activities	(399,171)	(457,760)	(393,381)	(1,250,312)		
Cash Flows from Investing Activities						
Proceeds from sale of investments	_	_	_	_		
Purchase of investments	(58,899)	(26,477)	(29,899)	(115,275)		
Other non-operating income received	50,807	3,233	(69,920)	(15,880)		
Other non-operating expenses	· <u>-</u>	-	-	-		
Interest income received	74,996	21,676	47,315	143,987		
Net cash provided by investing activities	66,904	(1,568)	(52,504)	12,832		
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	513,759	-	(1,493)	512,266		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	1,092,886		190,361	1,283,247		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,606,645	\$ -	\$ 188,868	\$ 1,795,513		
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities						
Operating income	\$ 830,630	\$ 308,007	\$ 117,292	\$ 1,255,929		
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	Ψ 030,030	Ψ 300,007	Ψ 117,232	Ψ 1,233,323		
to net cash provided by operating activities						
Depreciation	643,736	199,401	258,431	1,101,568		
(Increase) decrease in:						
Receivables	(60,051)	(6,140)	5,187	(61,004)		
Due from other funds	16,805	-	105,831	122,636		
Inventories	(2,787)	8,052	1,180	6,445		
Prepaids	(4,925)	(1,435)	(3,890)	(10,250)		
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.	(677,654)	-	-	(677,654)		
Increase (decrease) in:	156,847	(0.40)	(47 444)	420 E04		
Accounts payable Accrued expenses	(50,911)	(842) (4,284)	(17,411) 1,106	138,594		
Due to other funds	(6,781)	(43,340)	(23,334)	(54,089) (73,455)		
Customer deposits	1,117	(43,340)	(20,004)	1,026		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 846,026	\$ 459,328	\$ 444,392	\$ 1,749,746		
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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (BPU) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (the BPU) provides electric, water and sewage disposal services to residents of the City of Hillsdale (the City) and nearby townships, as recorded in three separate enterprise funds. Policy is set and operations are directed by a five-member Board.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The BPU uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

The operations of the BPU are accounted for as Enterprise Funds of the City of Hillsdale, Michigan, which are designed to be self-supporting. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and the resulting net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The BPU reports the following major proprietary funds:

Electric - This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's electric generation and distribution systems.

Water – This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's water production, purification and distribution systems.

Sewer – This fund accounts for the activities of the BPU's sewer collection and treatment systems.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All enterprise funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by enterprise funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance of their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting/Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the BPU enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The BPU also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of fees intended to record the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits and certificates of deposits with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the BPU to invest surplus funds in bonds, securities, other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a qualified financial institution; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; obligations of the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions that, at the time of purchase, are rated as investment grade by at least one standard rating service; mutual funds registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation; and external investment pools as authorized by Public Act 20 as amended through December 31, 1997.

Investments are stated at fair value.

Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their net value. They are reduced, where appropriate, by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the average cost method. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years and are recorded as prepaid items.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets which include land and buildings, plant, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., pipes, poles, wire, transformers, and similar items) are reported in the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized when projects are completed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the BPU is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	50
Production and distribution equipment	10-65
Vehicles	10
Office and computer equipment	5-10

Net Assets

Certain proceeds of enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. Restricted net assets segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments. Designations of net assets represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Pension Plan Funding

The BPU policy is to fund pension costs as they accrue.

Compensated Absences

Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick, and personal days are accrued when earned.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

A summary of deposits and investments at year-end is as follows:

Bank deposits (checking accounts,	
savings accounts and CDs)	\$1,794,913
Investments	3,791,259
Cash on hand	600
	\$ <u>5,586,772</u>

Investments are further specifically identified as of year-end, as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Fidelity Investment Cash	\$ 86,254	N/A
Spartan U.S. Government Money Market U.S. Government Agency Bonds (maturin		N/A
in 1 to 5 years) Corporate Bonds (maturing in 464 days)	3,294,465 <u>99,197</u>	N/A
	3,791,259	

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Board's deposits may not be returned. The Board has not adopted and State law does not require a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year-end, \$175,266 of the Board's bank balance of \$1,847,093 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Board will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Board has not adopted and State law does not require a policy for investment custodial risk.

Interest Rate Risk

State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in the list of authorized investments above. The Board's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of State law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The maturity dates for each investment type are identified above for investments held at year-end.

Credit Risk

State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers' acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the list of authorized investments above. The Board's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of State law on investment credit risk. The ratings for each investment are identified above for applicable investments held at year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

Pusiness type activities:	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals and <u>Adjustments</u>	Ending Balance
Business-type activities: Capital assets not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	\$ 17,467 884,419	\$ - 	\$ - <u>652,153</u>	\$ 17,467 <u>232,266</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	901,886		652,153	249,733
Capital assets being depreciated: Plant and systems	49,893,352	1,367,981	199,030	51,062,303
Accumulated depreciation: Plant and systems	28,103,726	<u>1,101,567</u>	177,456	29,027,837
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	21,789,626	266,414	21,574	22,034,466
Business-type activities capital assets – net	\$ <u>22,691,512</u>	\$ <u>266,414</u>	\$ <u>673,727</u>	\$ <u>22,284,199</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to operating expenses as follows:

Electric Fund	\$	649,529
Water Fund		193,607
Sewer Fund		258,431
	\$ 1	,101,567

Note 4 – Investment in Michigan South Central Power Agency

The Michigan South Central Power Agency (M.S.C.P.A) was organized in 1978 under the authority of Michigan Public Act 448 of 1976, to supply electricity to member municipalities in South Central Michigan. The Act provides that the agency will establish rates and charges to produce revenues sufficient to cover its costs, but may not operate for profit, except for the benefit of the public. The agency is governed by a Board of Commissioners which is comprised of one representative from each participating municipality and the general manager of the agency.

Participating municipalities and their respective shares of ownership are as follows:

	Percent
	Of
	<u>Ownership</u>
City of Coldwater	40.0%
City of Hillsdale	25.5
City of Marshall	24.0
Village of Clinton	6.5
Village of Union City	4.0
	<u>100.0</u> %

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4 - Investment in Michigan South Central Power Agency (Continued)

The Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities is accounting for its investment in M.S.C.P.A. as a joint venture in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14. Information presented below is taken from financial statements of the M.S.C.P.A. for the year ended June 30, 2005, audited by other auditors, whose report dated August 12, 2005, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

The BPU has entered into a Power Sales Contract with M.S.C.P.A. which requires the BPU to purchase all of its bulk power supply from M.S.C.P.A. and to pay its share of M.S.C.P.A.'s operating and debt service costs. The BPU has also entered into an agreement for services to be provided by the M.S.C.P.A. in respect to substation facilities and an agreement which requires the BPU to sell to M.S.C.P.A. power generated by its facilities.

The summary information of the BPU investment in the M.S.C.P.A. for the year ended June 30, 2005 is as follows:

	Total <u>M.S.C.P.A.</u>	Hillsdale BPU <u>Portion 25.5%</u>
Total assets	\$ 81,830,162	\$ 20,866,691
Total liabilities	66,606,581	16,984,678
Net Assets	\$ <u>15,223,581</u>	\$ <u>3,882,013</u>
Operating revenues Operating expenses	\$ 38,634,773 _30,968,241	\$ 9,851,867 <u>7,896,901</u>
Operating Income	7,666,532	1,954,966
Other income and expenses	_(5,009,063)	(1,277,312)
Changes in Net Assets	2,657,469	677,654
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	12,566,112	3,204,359
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>15,223,581</u>	\$ <u>3,882,013</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 - Long-Term Debt

Long-term liabilities for the BPU's three enterprise funds for the year ended June 30, 2005, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One <u>Year</u>
Business-type activities:					
Revenue bonds:					
1994 Water	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ 115,000	\$ -	\$ -
1999 Water	2,060,000	_	100,000	1,960,000	105,000
2002 Water					
Refunding	1,640,000	_	20,000	1,620,000	140,000
1992 Sewer	<u>1,360,000</u>		140,000	1,220,000	140,000
	5,175,000	-	375,000	4,800,000	385,000
Compensated absences	143,926		4,003	139,923	<u>-</u> _
Total	\$ <u>5,318,926</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>379,003</u>	\$ <u>4,939,923</u>	\$ <u>385,000</u>

Revenue bonds consist of the following:

Water Fund

1999 Revenue Bonds – maturing \$100,000
to \$185,000 annually, plus interest from
4.75% to 5.10% through October 1, 2018 \$1,960,000

2002 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds – maturing
\$20,000 to \$190,000 annually, plus interest
from 3.00% to 4.00% through October 1, 2014 1,620,000

1,620,000 3,580,000

Sewer Fund

1992 Revenue Bonds – Michigan Municipal Bond Authority Revolving Loan Fund payable, maturing \$140,000 to \$165,000 annually, plus interest at 2.00%, through April, 2013

1,220,000

\$4,800,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity on the above governmental bond obligations are as follows:

		Water			Sewer	
	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Total	Principal_	Interest	Total
2006	\$ 245,000	\$ 146,496	\$ 391,496	\$ 140,000	\$ 24,400	\$164,400
2007	250,000	137,189	387,189	145,000	21,600	166,600
2008	260,000	127,614	387,614	150,000	18,700	168,700
2009	270,000	117,696	387,696	150,000	15,700	165,700
2010	275,000	107,310	382,310	155,000	12,700	167,700
2011 - 2015	1,585,000	351,747	1,936,747	480,000	19,400	499,400
2016 – 2020	<u>695,000</u>	72,625	<u>767,625</u>			
Total	\$ <u>3,580,000</u>	\$ <u>1,060,677</u>	\$ <u>4,640,677</u>	\$ <u>1,220,000</u>	\$ <u>112,500</u>	<u>\$1,332,500</u>

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 6 - Employee Retirement System

Plan Description

The BPU, in conjunction with the City of Hillsdale, participates in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system governed by the State of Michigan, titled Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS). Information regarding this plan can be found in the City of Hillsdale annual financial statements.

Note 7 - Risk Management

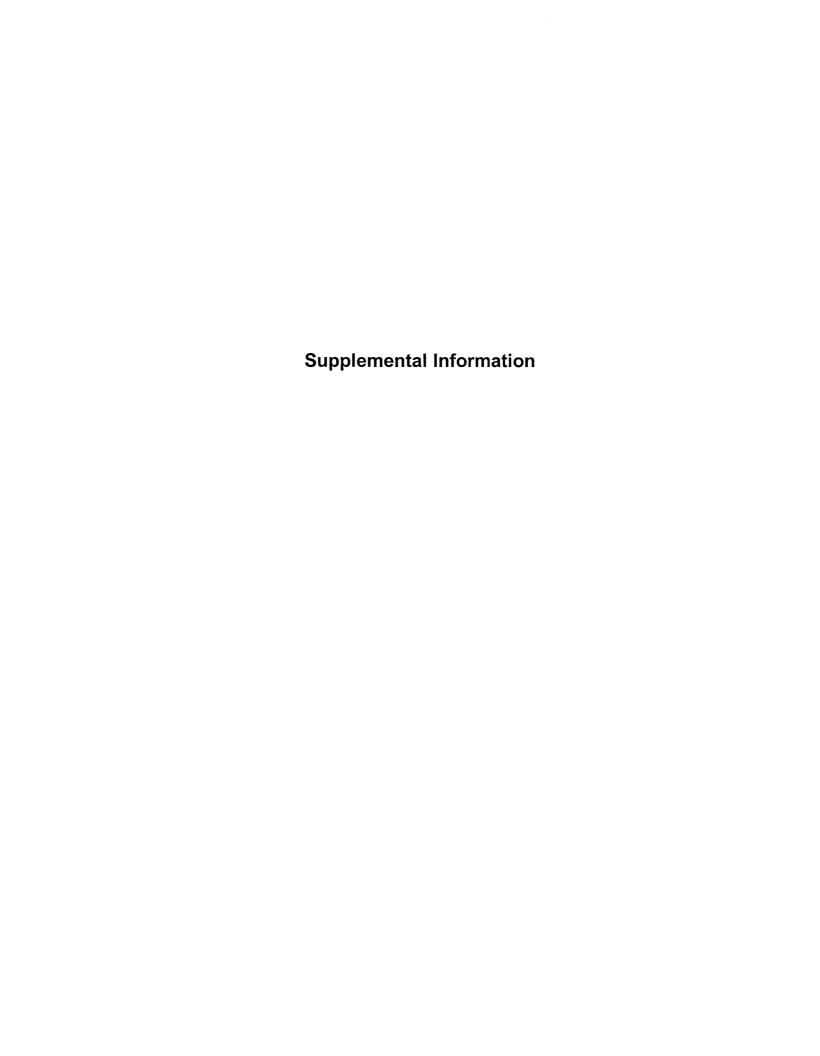
The BPU is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The BPU carries commercial insurance to cover risks of losses. The BPU settled claims resulting from these risks did not exceed the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 - Interfund Receivables and Payables

The composition of interfund balances at year-end is as follows:

Due To/From Other Funds of BPU:	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
Water Sewer	\$ - <u>976,356</u> \$ <u>976,356</u>	\$ 976,356 \$ 976,356
Due To/From Other Funds of City:	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
Electric Water Sewer	\$ 5,498 - - \$ 5,498	\$ 22,890 2,716 2,831 \$ 28,437

The BPU reports interfund balances between many of its funds. The sum of all balances presented in the tables above agrees with the sum of interfund balances presented in the statements of net assets/balance sheet for the business-type activities. These interfund balances resulted primarily from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.



Electric Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,606,645	1,092,866
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):		
Customer accounts	1,058,723	998,672
Interest	11,683	9,778
Due from other funds of BPU	-	14,507
Due from City	5,498	7,796
Inventories	642,136	639,349
Prepaid expenses	79,607	74,682
Total current assets	3,404,292	2,837,650
Restricted and designated assets:		
Designated investments	2,083,438	2,024,539
Total restricted and designated assets	2,083,438	2,024,539
Capital assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	28,215,586	27,816,415
Less: accumulated depreciation	16,337,476	
Total capital assets	11,878,110	12,122,675
Other assets:		
Investment in M.S.C.P.A.	3,882,013	3,204,359
Total assets	21,247,853	20,189,223

		2005	2004
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities payable from current assets:			
Accounts payable	\$	33,659 \$	38,303
Accrued purchased power		887,342	725,851
Due to City		22,890	29,671
Customer deposits		11,341	10,224
Accrued liabilities:			
Payroll taxes		5,766	15,545
Other		15,849	53,028
Total current liabilities		976,847	872,622
Compensated absences	_	77,298	81,251
Total liabilities		1,054,145	953,873
Net Assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		11,878,110	12,122,677
Unrestricted		8,315,598	7,112,673
	_		
Total net assets	<u>\$</u>	20,193,708 \$	19,235,350

Electric Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

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		2005
Operating Revenue:		
Sales to customers:		

		2005	2004
Operating Revenue:			
Sales to customers:			
Residential	\$	3,075,167 \$	3,075,211
Business		971,265	957,840
Commercial		2,430,498	2,325,427
Industrial		3,375,137	3,765,529
Street light sales		34,501	34,197
Other operating income		36,450	31,141
Total operating revenue		9,923,018	10,189,345
Operating Expenses:			
Purchased power		6,329,230	7,445,141
Production expense		940,208	948,546
Transmission and distribution		979,198	935,666
Administrative and general		843,752	884,882
Total operating expenses		9,092,388	10,214,235
Operating Income (Loss)		830,630	(24,890)
Non-operating Revenue (Expense)			
Interest income		76,921	29,010
Other non-operating income (expense)		50,807	66,155
Total non-operating revenue (expense)	_	127,728	95,165
Changes in Net Assets		958,358	70,275
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		19,235,350	19,165,075
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	20,193,708 \$	19,235,350

Electric Fund Schedules of Operating Expenses For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

		2005	2004
Purchased power:			
Purchased power	\$	9,163,137 \$	8,991,221
Power cost adjustment		(2,156,253)	(1,530,030)
Gain on investment in MSCPA		(677,654)	(16,050)
Total purchased power	<u>\$</u>	6,329,230	7,445,141
Production expense:			
Depreciation	\$	249,963 \$	265,887
Engine fuels		147,925	72,158
Production operation		433,454	396,855
Production maintenance		108,866	213,646
Total production expense	<u>\$</u>	940,208	948,546
Transmission and distribution expense:			
Depreciation	\$	298,818 \$	8 287,227
Distribution operation	,	324,118	287,517
Distribution maintenance	_	356,262	360,922
Total transmission and distribution expense	<u>\$</u>	979,198	935,666
Administrative and general expense:			
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	299,551 \$	306,704
Depreciation		100,748	93,642
Customer accounts expense		79,006	78,160
Customer service and information expense		24,418	27,443
Sales expense		-	359
Administrative operation		335,530	374,856
Administrative maintenance	_	4,499	3,718
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	843,752	884,882

Water Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2005 and 2004

	2005	2004
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ 75,920 \$	69,780
Interest receivable	3,001	2,875
Inventory	85,051	93,103
Prepaid expenses	<u> 17,627</u>	16,192
Total current assets	181,599	181,950
Restricted and designated assets:		
Designated investments	231,379	223,859
Restricted investments	619,884	600,926
Total restricted and designated assets	851,263	824,785
Capital assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	9,871,661	9,980,214
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,947,781) _	(3,925,835)
Total capital assets	5,923,880	6,054,379
Total assets	6,956,742	7,061,114

	2005	2004
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities payable from current assets:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,658	\$ 10,500
Due to other funds of BPU	976,356	1,020,155
Due to City	2,716	2,257
Customer deposits	989	1,080
Total current liabilities payable from current assets	989,719	1,033,992
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:		
Bonds payable	245,000	235,000
Accrued interest	<u>37,592</u>	40,720
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	282,592	275,720
Compensated absences payable	29,593	30,749
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:		
Bonds payable	3,335,000	3,580,000
Total liabilities	4,636,904	4,920,461
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,343,880	2,239,379
Restricted for debt service	619,884	600,925
Unrestricted (deficit)	(643,926)	(699,651)
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,319,838</u>	\$ 2,140,653

Water Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

	 2005		2004
Operating Revenue:			
Sales to customers:			
Residential	\$ 452,157	\$	454,808
Business	115,197		123,538
Commercial	205,617		194,147
Industrial	117,980		117,313
Apartments	211,968		215,664
Other operating income	 6,664		3,265
Total operating revenue	 1,109,583		1,108,735
Operating Expenses:			
Production expense	44,536		63,012
Purification expense	206,046		205,026
Distribution expense	314,451		304,850
Administrative and general	 236,543		222,606
Total operating expenses	 801,576		795,494
Operating Income (Loss)	 308,007		313,241
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):			
Interest income	21,802		9,870
Interest expense	(153,857)		(165,657)
Other non-operating income (expense)	 3,233		18,702
Total non-operating revenue (expense)	 (128,822)		(137,085)
Changes in Net Assets	179,185		176,156
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	 2,140,653		1,964,497
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 2,319,838	<u>\$</u>	2,140,653

Water Fund

Schedules of Operating Expenses For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

		2005	2004	
Production expense:				
Depreciation	\$	7,670 \$	7,595	
Production operation		28,457	31,717	
Production maintenance		8,409	23,700	
Total production expense	<u>\$</u>	44,536 \$	63,012	
Purification expense:				
Depreciation	\$	58,544 \$	58,038	
Chemical expense		36,729	36,485	
Purification operation		91,008	90,720	
Purification maintenance		19,765	19,783	
Total purification expense	\$	206,046 \$	205,026	
Distribution expense:				
Depreciation	\$	118,217 \$	116,516	
Distribution operation		80,981	94,089	
Distribution maintenance		115,253	94,245	
Total transmission and distribution expense	<u>\$</u>	314,451 \$	304,850	
Administrative and general expense:				
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	29,190 \$	29,150	
Depreciation		9,176	6,111	
Customer accounts expense		45,982	42,657	
Customer service and information expense		11,727	9,304	
Sales expense		-	115	
Administrative operation		138,344	133,919	
Administrative maintenance		2,124	1,350	
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	236,543 \$	222,606	

Water Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2005

Revenue Refunding Bonds - Series 2002

Date	Rate	Principal Inte		Interest		Total
October 1, 2005 April 1, 2006	3.000%	\$ 140,0	000 \$	27,704 25,604	\$	167,704 25,604
October 1, 2006 April 1, 2007	3.000%	140,0	000	25,604 23,504		165,604 23,504
October 1, 2007	3.000%	150,0	000	23,504		173,504
April 1, 2008 October 1, 2008	3.000%	155,0	000	21,254 21,254		21,254 176,254
April 1, 2009 October 1, 2009	3.200%	155,0	000	18,929 18,929		18,929 173,929
April 1, 2010 October 1, 2010	3.450%	160,0	000	16,449 16,449		16,449 176,449
April 1, 2011 October 1, 2011	3.550%	170,0	000	13,689 13,689		13,689 183,689
April 1, 2012 October 1, 2012	3.625%	175,0	000	10,672 10,672		10,672 185,672
April 1, 2013 October 1, 2013	4.000%	185,0	000	7,500 7,500		7,500 192,500
April 1, 2014 October 1, 2014	4.000%	190,0		3,800 3,800		3,800 193,800
Totals		\$ 1,620,0		310,506	\$	1,930,506

Water Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2005

Revenue Bonds - Series 1999

Date	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
October 1, 2005	4.750%	\$ 105,000	\$ 47,841	\$ 152,841
April 1, 2006	4.750%	110,000	45,347	45,347
October 1, 2006	4.730%	110,000	45,347 42,734	155,347
April 1, 2007 October 1, 2007	4.750%	110,000	42,734 42,734	42,734 152,734
April 1, 2008	4.75070	110,000	40,122	40,122
October 1, 2008	4.750%	115,000	40,122	155,122
April 1, 2009	4.73070	113,000	37,391	37,391
October 1, 2009	4.750%	120,000	37,391	157,391
April 1, 2010	4.73070	120,000	34,541	34,541
October 1, 2010	4.750%	130,000	34,541	164,541
April 1, 2011	4.70070	100,000	31,453	31,453
October 1, 2011	4.750%	135,000	31,453	166,453
April 1, 2012	1.1.0070	100,000	28,247	28,247
October 1, 2012	4.800%	140,000	28,247	168,247
April 1, 2013		, , , , , , ,	24,887	24,887
October 1, 2013	4.875%	145,000	24,887	169,887
April 1, 2014		,	21,353	21,353
October 1, 2014	4.900%	155,000	21,353	176,353
April 1, 2015		,	17,555	17,555
October 1, 2015	5.000%	160,000	17,555	177,555
April 1, 2016			13,555	13,555
October 1, 2016	5.050%	170,000	13,555	183,555
April 1, 2017			9,262	9,262
October 1, 2017	5.050%	180,000	9,262	189,262
April 1, 2018			4,718	4,718
October 1, 2018	5.100%	185,000	4,718	189,718
Totals		\$ 1,960,000	\$ 750,171	\$ 2,710,171

Sewer Fund Statements of Net Assets June 30, 2005 and 2004

	 2005	2004	
Assets:			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 188,868 \$	190,361	
Accounts receivable	78,919	84,106	
Interest receivable	4,346	5,099	
Due from other funds of BPU	976,356	1,019,112	
Due from City	-	63,075	
Inventory	4,444	5,624	
Prepaid expenses	 30,603	26,713	
Total current assets	 1,283,536	1,394,090	
Restricted and designated assets:			
Designated investments	275,127	266,026	
Restricted investments	 581,431	560,633	
Total restricted and designated assets	 856,558	826,659	
Capital assets:			
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	13,224,790	12,998,609	
Less: accumulated depreciation	 8,742,581	8,484,151	
Total capital assets	 4,482,209	4,514,458	
Total assets	 6,622,303	6,735,207	

	2005		2004	
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities payable from current assets:				
Accounts payable	\$	7,954 \$	25,365	
Due to other funds of BPU		-	13,464	
Due to City		2,831	12,701	
Total current liabilities payable from current assets		10,785	51,530	
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:				
Bonds payable		140,000	140,000	
Accrued interest	_	6,800	6,800	
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets		146,800	146,800	
Compensated absences payable		33,032	31,926	
Long-term debt, net of current maturities:				
Bonds payable		1,080,000	1,220,000	
Total liabilities		1,270,617	1,450,256	
Net Assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		3,262,209	3,154,459	
Restricted for debt service		581,431	560,633	
Unrestricted (deficit)		1,508,046	1,569,859	
Total net assets	<u>\$</u>	5,351,686 <u>\$</u>	5,284,951	

Sewer Fund

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

		<u>2005</u>		2004
Operating Revenue:				
Sales to customers:				
Residential	\$	444,885	\$	444,044
Business		112,201		115,750
Commercial		213,987		199,593
Industrial		141,467		152,612
Apartments		211,163		214,467
Other operating income	_	28,397		22,853
Total operating revenue		1,152,100		1,149,319
Operating Expenses:				
Sewer collection system expense		172,182		204,281
Treatment expense		612,074		588,623
Administrative and general	_	<u>250,552</u>		<u> 197,636</u>
Total operating expenses		1,034,808		990,540
Operating Income		117,292		158,779
Non-operating Revenue (Expense):				
Interest income		46,562		10,404
Interest expense		(27,199)		(29,225)
Other non-operating income (expense)		(69,920)		(1,987)
Total non-operating revenue (expense)		(50,557)	ı	(20,808)
Changes in Net Assets		66,735		137,971
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	_	5,284,951		5,146,980
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$</u>	5,351,686	<u>\$</u>	5,284,951

Sewer Fund

Schedules of Operating Expenses For the Years Ended June 30, 2005 and 2004

		<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Sewer collection system expense:			
Depreciation	\$	52,109 \$	46,698
Collection operation		42,801	45,490
Collection maintenance		77,272	112,093
Total sewer collection system expense	<u>\$</u>	172,182 \$	204,281
Treatment expense:			
Depreciation	\$	198,031 \$	219,607
Chemical expense		9,007	7,469
Treatment operation		263,417	264,606
Treatment maintenance		141,619	96,941
Total treatment expense	<u>\$</u>	612,074 \$	588,623
Administrative and general expense:			
Payment in lieu of tax	\$	34,575 \$	33,855
Depreciation		8,291	6,111
Customer accounts expense		43,901	33,395
Customer service and information expense		11,140	9,209
Sales expense		-	115
Administrative operation		150,566	113,602
Administrative maintenance		2,079	1,349
Total administrative and general expense	<u>\$</u>	250,552 \$	197,636

Sewer Fund Schedule of Bonded Debt June 30, 2005

Michigan Municipal Bond Authority - March 26, 1992

Date	Rate	F	Principal		Principal		Principal Interest		nterest	 Total
October 1, 2005				\$	12,200	\$ 12,200				
April 1, 2006	2.00%	\$	140,000		12,200	152,200				
October 1, 2006					10,800	10,800				
April 1, 2007	2.00%		145,000		10,800	155,800				
October 1, 2007					9,350	9,350				
April 1, 2008	2.00%		150,000		9,350	159,350				
October 1, 2008					7,850	7,850				
April 1, 2009	2.00%		150,000		7,850	157,850				
October 1, 2009					6,350	6,350				
April 1, 2010	2.00%		155,000		6,350	161,350				
October 1, 2010					4,800	4,800				
April 1, 2011	2.00%		155,000		4,800	159,800				
October 1, 2011					3,250	3,250				
April 1, 2012	2.00%		160,000		3,250	163,250				
October 1, 2012					1,650	1,650				
April 1, 2013	2.00%		165,000		1,650	 166,650				
Totals		\$	1,220,000	\$	112,500	\$ 1,332,500				



August 27, 2005

Board Members Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities Hillsdale, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Hillsdale Board of Public Utilities (the BPU) for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2005. In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of the BPU, we considered its internal control in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control.

The Management of the BPU is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control. The objectives of internal control are to provide the Board with a reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with the Board's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of the inherent limitations in any system of internal control, errors and irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluations made for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph would not necessarily disclose all material weaknesses in the system. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion of the system of internal accounting control of the BPU taken as a whole. However, our study and evaluation disclosed no conditions that we believe to be a material weakness.

Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement proposal, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the BPU. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

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Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (Continued)

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the BPU's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the BPU are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and no other applications of existing policies were changed during the current year. We noted no transactions entered into by the BPU during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There were no material estimates recorded in the current year.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on the BPU's financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). There were no significant audit adjustments recorded at year-end.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the BPU's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

Comment and Recommendations

We found no significant issues that warrant comment or recommendation for change.

This information is intended solely for the use of the BPU Board and management of the BPU and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to thank the BPU and its staff for the cooperation extended to us during our audit and would be happy to discuss any of the comments in detail if you so desire.

Sincerely,

Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

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